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Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this as a written notice of the Transportation, Elevator, and Grain Merchants Association's (TEGMA) intent to testify at the October 19, 2005 Surface Transportation Board hearing entitled "The 25th Anniversary of the Staggers Rail Act of 1980: A Review and Look Ahead."

TEGMA is a North American trade association that brings together railroads, global grain companies, shippers and receivers, ports, storage houses, inspection agencies and others involved in the shipment of grain from the farm to the customer all over the world. TEGMA's mix of membership provides it with a unique perspective on grain handling and transportation. TEGMA was founded in 1918 and was originally known as the Terminal Elevator Grain Merchants Association.

Proposed speaker Chuck Elsea, senior vice-president flourmill markets division, The Scoular Company.

Time requested: 5-10 minutes

Topics: The impact and effect of the Staggers Act on agricultural markets.
 The challenges facing the rail industry as both agricultural markets and the rail industry face growing global competition.
 The importance of rail infrastructure investment for rail customers and, specifically, for agricultural customers.